

**Instructions on Searching Historic Probate Records  
1838 – 1956**

**Images of entire Probate Volumes A-Z & 1-30 with accompanying Index  
Volumes 1, 2, 3**

**Conducting a search via the web**

**<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/>**

**From the Fort Bend County home page, select “*Government*” then “*County Clerk*”.**

**Click on the “*Search Databases*” option from the County Clerk home page.**

**Under Court Records, select “*Probate Court*”. (This will redirect you to the Case Records page. )**

**On the Case Records page, select “*Probate Case Records*”.**

**On the “*Search by:*” function, select “*Case*”**

**In the \**Case Number:* box, enter *Probate*\* in order to view a total list of Probate Books A-Z & 1-30 as well as Probate Index Volumes 1, 2, 3 (note the index books will appear at the end of the entire list) Click “*Search*” or press “*Enter*” for the list to populate.**

In order to locate the probate records you wish to view, open each *Probate Index Volume* by clicking the name of the index volume you wish to view. From the *Register of Actions* page you will look under “Other Events and Hearings” and click the link titled “Historic Probate Book”. On the next page under the Image heading, double click “Historic Probate Book” once more.

A pdf image of the book will open and you can select the letter matching the last name of the party you wish to search. This will take you to the corresponding entries in the index book where you will browse the pages to locate your party search name. Once you find the name you are looking for (either in Probate Index Book 1, 2, or 3) make note of the Probate Volumes you will need to visit to view the records. Return to the “Probate Case Records Search Results” page and open the volume you wish to view. Once opened, you may use the *Bookmarks* section to quickly go to the page number you wish to view.